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FOR PERLOW, USNATO FOR FOX, BONN FOR KLEMP, USCINCEUR  
AND HQ US CENTRAL COMMAND FOR POLADS, HQ USEUCOM FOR EC  
J-5, COMMANDER USASSETAF FOR G-2"

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APPROPRIATE.

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A. RWANDA: GENEVA CONVENTION VIOLATIONS

3. THERE IS SUBSTANTIAL CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE  
IMPLICATING SENIOR RWANDAN GOVERNMENT AND MILITARY  
OFFICIALS IN THE WIDESPREAD, SYSTEMATIC KILLING OF  
ETHNIC TUTSIS, AND TO A LESSER EXTENT, ETHNIC HUTUS WHO  
SUPPORTED POWER-SHARING BETWEEN THE TWO GROUPS. THE  
RWANDAN PATRIOTIC FRONT (RPF) HAS ALSO KILLED HUTUS IN

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BATTLE AND HAS ADMITTED TARGETING EXTREMIST HUTUS WHOM IT BELIEVES TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR MASSACRES OF TUTSIS. UNLIKE GOVERNMENT FORCES, THE RPF DOES NOT APPEAR TO HAVE COMMITTED GENEVA CONVENTION DEFINED GENOCIDAL ATROCITIES.

4. BLOODY, INTER-ETHNIC STRUGGLES BETWEEN TUTSIS AND HUTUS DATE BACK TO THE COLONIAL PERIOD. AN ESTIMATED 20,000 TUTSIS WERE KILLED BETWEEN 1959 AND 1964 DURING THE STRUGGLE FOR INDEPENDENCE WHEN THE TUTSI MONARCHY FELL, BUT THE RECENT KILLINGS FAR SURPASS ANYTHING IN

RWANDA'S HISTORY. SINCE THE APRIL 6 DOWNING OF AN  
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AIRPLANE CARRYING RWANDAN PRESIDENT HABYARIMANA AND BURUNDIAN PRESIDENT NTARYAMIRA, MASSACRES IN RWANDA HAVE CLAIMED FROM 200,000 TO 500,000 LIVES, ACCORDING TO INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN ORGANIZATIONS. WE BELIEVE 500,000 MAY BE AN EXAGGERATED ESTIMATE, BUT NO ACCURATE FIGURES ARE AVAILABLE. SYSTEMATIC KILLINGS BEGAN WITHIN HOURS OF HABYARIMANA'S DEATH. MOST OF THOSE KILLED HAVE BEEN TUTSI CIVILIANS, INCLUDING WOMEN AND CHILDREN.

5. SOME RWANDAN GOVERNMENT TROOPS, HUTU MILITIA AND EXTREMIST HUTU YOUTH SQUADS OFTEN TRAINED OR ARMED BY SECURITY FORCES ARE THE MAIN PERPETRATORS. KILLINGS BY THE PREDOMINANTLY-TUTSI RPF ARE MUCH FEWER IN NUMBER AND HAVE OCCURRED MAINLY IN BATTLE. THERE ARE CREDIBLE REPORTS THAT THE RPF HAS SUMMARILY EXECUTED HUTU MILITIA ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN THE MASSACRES AND THE RPF HAS ADMITTED TO SUCH KILLINGS. WHILE THE RPF HAS GENERALLY PROTECTED HUTUS WITHIN THE TERRITORY IT CONTROLS, TUTSIS BEHIND GOVERNMENT LINES CONTINUE TO BE KILLED BY GOVERNMENT SUPPORTED MILITIAS.

6. GENEVA CONVENTION CRITERIA. THE 1948 CONVENTION ON THE PREVENTION AND PUNISHMENT OF CRIME AND GENOCIDE ESTABLISHES THREE CRITERIA TO IDENTIFY ACTS OF GENOCIDE: 1) KILLING MEMBERS AND CAUSING SERIOUS BODILY OR MENTAL HARM TO MEMBERS OF THE GROUP; 2) DELIBERATELY INFLECTING ON THE GROUP CONDITIONS OF LIFE CALCULATED TO BRING ABOUT ITS PHYSICAL DESTRUCTION IN WHOLE OR IN

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PART; AND 3) IMPOSING MEASURES INTENDED TO PREVENT BIRTHS AND FORCIBLY TRANSFERRING CHILDREN OF THE GROUP TO ANOTHER GROUP.

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7. KILLING AND HARM. INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION. FOREIGN DIPLOMATS AND INDIGENOUS EYE WITNESSES HAVE REPORTED SYSTEMATIC EXECUTIONS OF TUTSIS IN VILLAGES, SCHOOLS, HOSPITALS, AND CHURCHES BY HUTU MILITIA, THE PRESIDENTIAL GUARD, AND MILITARY FORCES. MANY HAVE BEEN KILLED OR GRAVELY INJURED BY MACHETE-WIELDING MILITIA MEMBERS BECAUSE THEY ARE ETHNIC TUTSI, HAVE TUTSI PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS, OR SUPPORT TUTSIS. GOVERNMENT FORCES HAVE ALSO ATTACKED SITES WHERE TTST CIVILIANS HAVE SOUGHT REFUGE, SUCH AS THE UN-PROTECTED AMAHORO STADIUM IN KIGALI. THEY HAVE PREVENTED OTHERS FROM LEAVING A STADIUM IN CYANGUGU AND HAVE SELECTED AND KILLED SOME OF THOSE INSIDE.

8. NUMEROUS CREDIBLE REPORTS CLAIM THAT GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, INCLUDING NATIONAL AND LOCAL, OFFICIALS HAVE ALSO EXHORTED CIVILIANS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MASACRES, OFTEN UTILIZING THE MILITANT HUTU RADIO STATION, MILLES COLLINES. THE NEW GOVERNMENT NAMED FOLLOWING HABYARIMANA'S DEATH IS COMPRISED PRIMARILY OF HARD LINE HUTUS OPPOSED TO COMPROMISE WITH TUTSIS AND INCLUDES INDIVIDUALS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN TUTSI KILLINGS. IT HAS TAKEN LITTLE, IF ANY ACTION TO HALT THE KILLINGS, MOST OF WHICH HAVE OCCURRED BEHIND GOVERNMENT LINES.

9. UNBEARABLE LIVING CONDITIONS. CAMPAIGNS OF ETHNIC CLEANSING AGAINST TUTSIS APPEAR WELL-PLANNED AND SYSTEMATIC. HOMES ARE OFTEN DESTROYED AND LOOTED AFTER THE OCCUPANTS HAVE BEEN KILLED. HOSPITAL STAFFS HAVE

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WITNESSED THE EXECUTION OF TUTSI PATIENTS. AN ESTIMATED

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ONE MILLION PERSONS HAVE BEEN DISPLACED AND ANOTHER 350,000 TUTSIS AND HUTUS HAVE FLED THE COUNTRY. INADEQUATE NUTRITION AND MEDICAL CARE ARE CLAIMING ADDITIONAL LIVES AND DISEASES SUCH AS CHOLERA AND EPATITIS THREATEN THOUSANDS MORE. SOURCES OF DRINKING WATER HAVE BECOME POLLUTED BY THOUSANDS OF CORPSES THROWN INTO RIVERS, LAKES AND WELLS. GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND SOLDIERS HAVE DENIED OR LIMITED ACCESS BY INTERNATIONAL RELIEF WORKERS TO THREATENED GROUPS, THUS PREVENTING THEM FROM OBTAINING NEEDED FOOD AND MEDICAL CARE. GOVERNMENT FORCES AND MILITIA HAVE KILLED DOZENS OF UN, RED CROSS AND OTHER RELIEF WORKERS AND ATTACKED AMBULANCESEARING THE INJURED.

10. MEASURES TO PREVENT BIRTHS. TUTSI CHILDREN, ALONG WITH THEIR PARENTS, ARE BEING MUTILATED AND KILLED. IN ONE TOWN, PREGNANT WOMEN AT A MATERNITY CLINIC WERE MASSACRED. INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN AGENCIES ESTIMATE FROM EIGHT TO 40 PERCENT OF THE TUTSI POPULATION MAY HAVE PERISHED.

11. WHO KILLED THE PRESIDENTS. THE ASSASSINS OF PRESIDENTS HABYARIMANA AND NTARYAMIRA MAY NEVER BE KNOWN. THE BLACK BOX FROM THE AIRPLANE HAS PROBABLY BEEN RECOVERED BY RWANDAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WHO CONTROLLED THE AIRPORT WHEN THE PLANE WAS SHOT DOWN OR, ACCORDING TO UNCONFIRMED REPORTS, BY FRENCH MILITARY OFFICIALS WHO LATER SECURED THE AIRPORT AND REMOVED THE BODY OF THE FRENCH PILOT FROM HABYARIMANA'S PLANE AFTER THE CRASH. REPORTS ALLEGING THAT HUTU GOVERNMENT

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LEADERS HAVE CREATED LISTS OF TUTSIS AND MODERATE HTUS TO BE KILLED CANNOT BE CONFIRMED, BUT SOLDIERS ENGAED IN SPECIFIC EXECUTIONS OF TUTSIS AND MODERATE HUTU OFFICIALS REPORTEDLY REFERRED TO LISTS AND ADDRESSES. THERE ARE CREDIBLE, BUT UNCONFIRMED REPORTS THAT HUTU ELEMENTS IN THE MILITARY OPPOSED TO THE ARUSHA ACCORDS KILLED HABYARIMANA IN ORDER TO BLOCK THE ACCORDS AND ELIMINATE THE TUTSI-DOMINATED RFF AND SYMPATHETIC HUTUS.

B. SOUTH AFRICA: THE NEIGHBORHOOD AGENDA PRESSES

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12. AFRICAN ISSUES, ABOVE ALL ANGOLA, ARE BEGINNING TO CROWD ONTO THE NEW GOVERNMENT'S AGENDA. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] THE BURDENS OF  
DECISION-MAKING ARE LIKELY TO FALL HEAVIEST ON PRESIDENT  
MANDELA AND FIRST VICE PRESIDENT THABO MBEKI.

13. ANGOLA'S AGONY. [REDACTED]

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15. SUDAN HUSTLES. THE SUDANESE GOVERNMENT HOPES TO EXPLOIT COMMERCIAL TIES DEVELOPED DURING THE DE KLERK ADMINISTRATION IN ORDER TO OBTAIN MUCH-NEEDED ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE AND RELIEVE ITS OWN DIPLOMATIC ISOLATION.

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16. ISSUES AND ANSWERS. OTHER ISSUES HOVER JUST OVER  
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THE HORIZON; THE ROLE SOUTH AFRICA WILL PLAY IN THE UN;  
SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL DEFENSE FORCE PARTICIPATION IN UN  
PEACEKEEPING EFFORTS, PARTICULARLY IN ANGOLA AND  
NEIGHBORING MOZAMBIQUE; MEMBERSHIP IN THE NON-ALIGNED  
MOVEMENT AND THE SOUTHERN AFRICA DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY;  
AND A WATCH ON LESOTHO, WHOSE 909-KILOMETER BORDER BUTS  
THREE PROVINCES IN EASTERN SOUTH AFRICA AND WHICH HAS  
EXPERIENCED TWO SECURITY FORCE MUTINIES ACCOMPANIED BY  
HEAVY LOOTING DURING THE PAST 30 DAYS.

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C. SENEGAL: DIOUF FACES TOUGH CHALLENGES

18. ABDOU DIOUF HAS BEEN PRESIDENT FOR 13 YEARS, BT  
HIS RE-ELECTION IN FEBRUARY 1993, WITH 58.4 PER CENT OF  
THE VOTES, WAS TARNISHED BY ACCUSATIONS OF ELECTION  
FRAUD, AND HE FACES AN UPHILL BATTLE TO OVERCOME  
SENEGAL'S NEGATIVE ECONOMIC GROWTH RATE. HE RETAINS

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STATUTE ABROAD.

19. DIOUF'S MOST DAUNTING PROBLEM IS SENEGAL'S ECONOMY, PLAGUED BY GOVERNMENT CORRUPTION, CAPITAL FLIGHT, A BLOATED AND OVERLY PROTECTED LABOR FORCE, NON-COMPETITIVE PARASTATALS INSUFFICIENT RAINS, AND A DETERIORATING ENVIRONMENT. THE JANUARY DEVALUATION OF THE CFA FRANC - WHICH DIOUF INITIALLY OPPOSED BUT WAS FINALLY PERSUADED TO APPROVE, PROBABLY WITH PROMISES OF ADDITIONAL FRENCH ASSISTANCE - COULD YET PROVIDE THE IMPETUS TO GET THE ECONOMY MOVING. IT HAS BROUGHT SENEGAL'S OVERVALUED CURRENCY INTO LINE AND MADE EXPORTS CHEAPER AND MORE COMPETITIVE.

20. SENEGAL SUBSEQUENTLY REACHED AN AGREEMENT WITH THE IMF AND THE WORLD BANK TO REFINANCE ITS LOANS; FRANCE CANCELLED ITS DEBTS AND PROVIDED NEW LOANS. THUS FR DIOUF HAS LAUNCHED DIFFICULT ECONOMIC REFORMS WHILE KEEPING RESTIVE LABOR UNIONS AT BAY.

21. LESS PROGRESS POLITICALLY. SINCE THE FLAWED 1993 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS, DIOUF HAS FACED MOUNTING POLITICAL OPPOSITION. ON FEBRUARY 16 AN OPPOSITION POLITICAL RALLY IN DAKAR, TRIGGERED BY THE ECONOMIC CRISIS, TURNED INTO ONE OF THE MOST VIOLENT RIOTS I DAKAR IN RECENT MEMORY. SIX OF THE EIGHT KILLED WERE POLICEMEN. THE RIOTERS WERE MAINLY ISLAMIST FUNDAMENTALISTS, WHO INCREASINGLY ARE DRAWN FROM THE RANKS OF UNEMPLOYED YOUTH.

22. TWO DAYS LATER, DIOUF'S MAIN POLITICAL RIVAL,  
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SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY LEADER ABDOULAYE WADE, WAS JAILED. HE REMAINS BEHIND BARS ON WHAT APPEAR TO BE WEAK CHARGES OF INSTIGATING THE RIOTS. WADE'S ARREST AND THOSE OF OTHERS, INCLUDING OPPOSITION LEGISLATORS

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HAVE RAISED CONCERNS ABOUT DUE PROCESS. MEANWHILE, DIOUF HAS HAD SOME SUCCESS IN ENDING THE VIOLENCE IN THE SOUTHERN CASAMANCE REGION WHERE A LONG-STANDING SECESSIONIST MOVEMENT HAD PROVOKED WIDESPREAD VIOLENCE ONLY TWO YEARS AGO.

23. VOICE OF MODERATION. ON THE INTERNATIONAL SCENE, DIOUF HAS BEEN A STRONG AND ABLE PLAYER, AND HAS REGULARLY SUPPORTED US INITIATIVES. DAKAR CONTRIBUTED A BATTALION TO DESERT SHIELD/DESERT STORM (93 SOLDIERS WERE KILLED IN AN AIR CRASH), AND BETWEEN 1991 AND 1993 PROVIDED PEACEKEEPING TROOPS FOR LIBERIA. IN KEEPING WITH OAU EFFORTS TO BECOME MORE INVOLVED IN CONFLICT

RESOLUTION EFFORTS, DIOUF HAS ORDERED THE FORMATION OF A BATTALION ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN INTERNATIONAL PEACEKEEPING. AS CHAIRMAN OF THE ORGANIZATION OF ISLAMIC CONFERENCE, DIOUF HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN MODIFYING SOME OF THE ANTI-WESTERN RESOLUTIONS.

24. RELATIONS BETWEEN SENEGAL AND ITS NEIGHBORS ARE ALSO IMPROVING. DIOUF HAS WORKED STEADILY TO RESTORE RELATIONS WITH MAURITANIA, WHICH WERE SEVERED IN 1989 AFTER RIOTS IN WHICH HUNDREDS WERE KILLED IN BOTH COUNTRIES AND THAT RESULTED IN THE MUTUAL EXPULSION OF THOUSANDS.

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25. RELATIONS WITH THE GAMBIA ARE ALSO ON THE MEND. THE TWO COUNTRIES ARE MAKING PROGRESS IN RESOLVING SENEGALESE CHARGES OF GAMBIAN SMUGGLING WHICH RESULTED IN SENEGALESE RESTRICTIONS ON GAMBIAN PRODUCTS TRANSITING SENEGAL. MDAVIS

D. NIGERIA: NO DEMOCRATIZATION

26. HEAD OF STATE SANI ABACHA IS UNWILLING TO RELINQUISH POWER TO A CIVILIAN REGIME, AND THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 27 WILL PROVE AN EMPTY GESTURE. THE LACK OF PROGRESS TOWARD DEMOCRATIZATION WILL EXACERBATE OTHER POPULAR GRIEVANCES AND INTENSIFY DISCONTENT IN NIGERIA.

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27. THE ABACHA REGIME HAS SCHEDULED TWO-TIER ELECTIONS--ON MAY 23 AND MAY 28--TO SELECT DELEGATES TO THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE. DESPITE ITS CLAIM T BE MOVING IN GOOD FAITH TOWARD DEMOCRATIZATION, THE MILITARY-DOMINATED PROVISIONAL RULING COUNCIL (PRC) IS STAGE-MANAGING EVERY STEP OF THE TRANSITION. THE PRC WILL APPOINT 96 OF THE 369 DELEGATES. THE CONFERENCE ITSELF WILL NOT BE SOVEREIGN: IT CAN ONLY MAKE PROPOSALS TO THE REGIME. A NEW OPPOSITION ALLIANCE OF POLITICIANS AND FORMER OFFICERS HAS THREATENED TO BOYCOTT THE CONFERENCE.

28. ACCORDING TO THE PRC'S INFORMAL TRANSITION "AGENDA" THE CONFERENCE WILL END ON OCTOBER 27, AND A COMMISION WILL SUBMIT A REPORT AND DRAFT CONSTITUTION TO THE PRC IN LATE NOVEMBER. IF THE PRC FINDS THESE DOCUMENTS

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ACCEPTABLE, IT WILL RELEASE THEM TO THE PUBLIC ON  
JANUARY 16, 1995, AND LIFT THE BAN ON POLITICAL

ACTIVITIES ON JANUARY 17. NATIONAL ELECTIONS WOULD THEN  
E HELD LATER IN 1995, WITH AN ELECTED PRESIDENT SLATED  
TO TAKE OFFICE IN JANUARY 1996.

29. REPRESSION. ABACHA ON APRIL 27 EXPLICITLY FOADE  
"POLITICAL GROUPINGS" AND MEETINGS, REINFORCING THE  
OVERALL BAN ON POLITICAL ACTIVITY HE IMPOSED ON TAKING  
POWER LAST NOVEMBER. THE POLICE HAVE ENFORCED THE BAN,  
BREAKING UP SEVERAL POLITICAL GATHERINGS IN RECENT  
WEEKS. HARASSMENT OF THE MEDIA CONTINUES; ON APRIL 13  
THE GOVERNMENT CHARGED THREE SENIOR OFFICIALS OF  
"NEWSWATCH" MAGAZINE WITH SEDITION IN CONNECTION WITH AN  
INTERVIEW CRITICAL OF THE GOVERNMENT. FEMI FALAWI, A  
PROMINENT HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVIST, WAS ARRESTED IN APRIL.

30. OPPOSITION GROWS. ABACHA HAS DISSIPATED THE  
LIMITED STORE OF GOODWILL AND OPEN-MINDEDNESS WITH WHICH  
IMPORTANT SECTORS OF SOCIETY INITIALLY GREETED HIS  
REGIME. WORKERS, FINANCIALLY DESPERATE, ARE ANGERED  
THAT REGIME FAVORITES PROSPER WHILE THEY ARE UNABLE TO  
LIVE ON THEIR WAGES OR, DURING THE RECENT FUEL SHORTAGE,

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EVEN GET TO WORK. THOUGH THE UNIONS HAVE THUS FAR BEEN UNABLE TO ORGANIZE A GENERAL STRIKE-, THEY THREATENED ONE IN EARLY MAY--STRIKE ACTIVITY AND POLITICAL INSTABILITY ARE LIKELY TO MOUNT IN COMING MONTHS.

31. THE HUMAN RIGHTS MOVEMENT, WHICH INITIALLY HAD SOME HOPE, IN LIGHT OF ABACHA'S ROLE IN FORCING OUT THE HATED  
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BABANGIDA, IS NOW DISILLUSIONED. THE ETHNIC YORUBA OF WESTERN NIGERIA ARE DEMANDING A SOVEREIGN CONFERENCE AND IMPLEMENTATION OF LAST JUNE'S ELECTION OF FELLOW YORUBA MOSHOOD ABIOLA AS PRESIDENT. THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE IS WIDELY PERCEIVED THROUGHOUT NIGERIA AS A SHAM.

32. OUTLOOK. ABACHA WILL SEEK TO CLING TO POWER INDEFINITELY. HIS PURGES OF THE SENIOR OFFICER CORPS AND HIS CONTINUED MANIPULATION OF KEY ARMY COMMANDS ARE DESIGNED TO ENABLE HIM TO CONTROL THE MILITARY--STILL THE PRIMARY LOCUS OF POWER IN NIGERIA. HE HAS ALSO BEEN SKILLFUL IN DIVIDING HIS OPPONENTS, USING LUCRATIVE GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS TO BUY THE SUPPORT OF INFLUENTIAL POLITICIANS AND BUSINESSMEN.

33. WHETHER THESE PLOYS WILL SUFFICE TO KEEP HIM I POWER DEPENDS ON DISGRUNTLEMENT WITHIN THE SENIOR OFFICER CORPS NOT GROWING INTENSE ENOUGH TO GENERATE A  
SERIOUS COUP ATTEMPT. SROBERTS

E. MALI, MAURITANIA AND SENEGAL: THE THREAT OF ISLAMIC FUNDAMENTALISM

34. MALI, MAURITANIA, AND SENEGAL ARE BESET BY SIGNIFICANT PROBLEMS: STATIC OR DECLINING ECONOMIE RISING POPULATION RATES; INCREASING RURAL-TO-URBAN MIGRATION, LOW LITERACY RATES; AND EXTENSIVE UNEMPLOYMENT. ON TOP OF THESE PROBLEMS, THEY ARE THREATENED WITH INCREASING DESERTIFICATION AND INSECT  
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INFESTATION. THE CURRENT GOVERNMENTS ARE UNABLE TO FIND SOLUTIONS, AND DISCONTENT IS GROWING. PARTIALLY AS A RESULT OF THESE FACTORS, EACH COUNTRY HAS, TO DIFFERENT DEGREES, A RISING ISLAMIST MOVEMENT WHICH WANTS TO OVERTHROW THE EXISTING GOVERNMENT AND REPLACE IT WITH A SOCIAL AND POLITICAL SYSTEM BASED ON SHARIA, OR ISLAMIC LAW. GOVERNMENT EFFORTS TO SUPPRESS THE FUNDAMENTALIST MOVEMENTS COULD DRIVE THEM UNDERGROUND AND RESULT IN GREATER VIOLENCE.

35. MALI. WHILE 90 TO 95 PERCENT OF ITS PEOPLE ARE MUSLIM, MALI REMAINS A SECULAR COUNTRY, AND ITS CONSTITUTION FORBIDS ANY POLITICAL PARTIES BASED ON RELIGION. THE LEGAL SYSTEM IS NOT BASED ON ISLAMIC LAW NOR DOES THE GOVERNMENT DERIVE ITS LEGITIMACY FROM RELIGION. HOWEVER, FOLLOWING THE OVERTHROW OF THE MOUSSA TRAORE REGIME IN 1991, HIZBALLAH, THE MOST SIGNIFICANT FUNDAMENTALIST GROUP CALLED FOR THE FORMATION OF AN ISLAMIC POLITICAL PARTY. SINCE THEN, SUPPORT FOR ISLAMIC FUNDAMENTALISM HAS BEEN GROWING, ALBEIT SLOWLY. THERE HAS BEEN AN INCREASE IN ANTI-CHRISTIAN AND ANTI-SECULAR ACTIVITY.

36. IN OCTOBER OF LAST YEAR, A GERMAN LUTHERAN EVANGELIST WAS GRANTED PERMISSION TO COME TO MALI, WHERE HE WAS PLANNING TO HOLD REVIVAL MEETINGS IN BAMAKO. MUSLIM YOUTHS, ENCOURAGED BY IMAMS, TORE DOWN HIS POSTERS. THREATS AGAINST THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY WERE VOICED, AND THE GOVERNMENT QUIETLY CANCELLED THE VISIT. IN FEBRUARY OF THIS YEAR, ISLAMISTS PROTESTED AGAINST THE SALE OF ALCOHOL DURING THE MUSLIM HOLY MONTH OF

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RAMADAN. AS THEY MARCHED ON THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR, POLICE FORCES RESPONDED WITH TEAR GAS, INJURING TWO DEMONSTRATORS. FIVE ISLAMISTS WERE ARRESTED.

37. SEVENTY-SEVEN PERCENT OF MALIANS ARE ILLITERATE. BECAUSE OF THE INSUFFICIENT NUMBER OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS, MEDERSAS"--PRIVATE ISLAMIC SCHOOLS WHICH INSTRUCT IN

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ARABIC AND FRENCH AND TEACH KORANIC STUDIES--HAVE PROLIFERATED. IN TEN YEARS, THEIR NUMBER HAS GROWN BY MORE THAN 200 PERCENT, AND THEY NOW ACCOUNT FOR 13 PERCENT OF TOTAL PRIMARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL ENROLLMENT. IT IS WIDELY BELIEVED THAT THESE SCHOOLS RECEIVE AID FROM FOREIGN ISLAMIC AND ARABIC SOURCES. IN ADDITION, ISLAMIC FUNDAMENTALISTS MAY BE JOINING THE SCHOOLS TO INDOCTRINATE CHILDREN. THE NUMBER OF FUNDAMENTALIST MOSQUES HAS RISEN MARKEDLY IN THE PAST FEW YEARS.

38. IF THE MALIAN ECONOMY CONTINUES TO DECLINE, ISLAMIC FUNDAMENTALISM WILL GROW. SOME IMAMS PREACH THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS TO BE BLAMED FOR THE COUNTRY'S PROBLEMS AND THAT THE ONLY ANSWER TO THE SITUATION IS FOUND IN THE KORAN. THE GOVERNMENT IS CONCERNED WITH THE ACTIVITIES OF FUNDAMENTALIST IMAMS AND MONITORS THEM CLOSELY.

39. MAURITANIA. MAURITANIA IS AN ISLAMIC REPUBLIC AND PLACES LIMITS ON FREEDOM OF RELIGION. ISLAM IS THE OFFICIAL RELIGION, AND ALL CITIZENS ARE SUNNI MUSLIM AND PROHIBITED FROM CONVERTING TO ANOTHER RELIGION OR EVEN VISITING A CHURCH - THE TINY EXPATRIATE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY IS ALLOWED TO HOLD WORSHIP SERVICES.

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40. THE GOVERNMENT VIEWS ISLAMIC FUNDAMENTALISM AS A GROWING THREAT TO ITS EXISTENCE AND TO STABILITY IN THE REGION, BUT HAS HAD DIFFICULTY CONTROLLING IT. IN OCTOBER 1993, A MAURITANIAN ARMED WITH A MACHETE ASSAULTED AND WOUNDED TWO FRENCH PRIESTS IN NOUAKCHOTT'S CATHOLIC CHURCH. IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE ATTACK, THE GOVERNMENT MADE PLANS TO EXPEL ABOUT 200 FOREIGN ISLAMIC ZEALOTS, MAINLY FROM ALGERIA. MANY WERE MEMBERS OF "DAWA ISLAMIYA" (ISLAMIC CALL), AS WAS THE MAURITANIAN WHO ATTACKED THE TWO PRIESTS. THIRTY-ONE ALGERIAN ISLAMISTS WERE EXPELLED, ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, BUT THE GOVERNMENT REPORTEDLY HALTED FURTHER EXPULSIONS AFTER THE ALGERIAN ISLAMIC SALVATION FRONT (FIS) THREATENED RETALIATION. IN APRIL, THE PRIESTS' ASSAILANT WAS REPORTEDLY SEEN OUTSIDE THE PRISON, THREATENING FUTURE ATTACKS ON "ENEMIES OF ISLAM." AFTER

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THE FRENCH EMBASSY PROTESTED, THE GOVERNMENT PUT HIM BACK IN PRISON. THE GOVERNMENT PROBABLY BELIEVES THAT IT CANNOT AFFORD TO ALIENATE ALGERIA'S ISLAMISTS,

FEARING THAT IF THEY SEIZE POWER IN ALGERIA THEY WOULD BE IN A POSITION TO HALT VITAL OIL SUPPLIES TO MAURITANIA.

41. ON NOVEMBER 17, 1993, DURING A MUSICAL EVENT, GUNMAN SHOUTED "ALLAHU AKBAR" AS HE FIRED TOWARD THE MINISTER OF CULTURE AND ISLAMIC ORIENTATION. HE MISSED AND WAS SUBDUED BY POLICE. THE GUNMAN, AN UNEMPLOYED UNIVERSITY DROP-OUT, WAS A YOUNG WHITE MAUR, MOTIVATED BY ISLAM FERVOR. SUCH AN ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT AGAINST  
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A SENIOR GOVERNMENT MEMBER WAS UNPRECEDENTED. THE

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[REDACTED] THE TWO ATTACKS, ALTHOUGH ISOLATED, REFLECT GROWING SUPPORT WITHIN MAURITANIA FOR ISLAMIC FUNDAMENTALISM.

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42. SENEGAL. ABOUT 94 PERCENT OF SENEGAL'S EIGHT MILLION PEOPLE ARE MUSLIM. ITS CONSTITUTION GUARANTEES RELIGIOUS FREEDOM AND PROHIBITS RELIGIOUS POLITICAL PARTIES. SENEGAL ALSO HAS HAD A HISTORY OF HOLDING DEMOCRATIC ELECTIONS. THESE FACTORS MAKE SENEGAL, IN WESTERN EYES, ONE OF THE MOST ENLIGHTENED MUSLIM NATIONS.

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43. TWO MAJOR MUSLIM SECTS (MOURIDIAYA AND TIJANIYA) EACH HAVE ABOUT THREE MILLION FOLLOWERS. MOURIDES CONTROL MUCH OF THE UNDERWORLD ECONOMY (SMUGGLING) AND THE HARVEST OF PEANUTS, SENEGAL'S PRINCIPAL AGRICULTURE CASH CROP. TIDIANES PLACE EMPHASIS ON ISLAMIC EDUCATION AND ARABIC STUDIES. SINCE THE LATE 1970'S, HOWEVER THE DETERIORATING ECONOMY AND RURAL FLIGHT HAS REDUCED THE HOLD OF MARABOUTS (POWERFUL RELIGIOUS LEADERS), ESPECIALLY AMONG THE YOUTH, WHO LEFT BEHIND FAMILY CLANS AND TRADITIONAL RELIGIOUS LEADERS, TO MIGRATE TO

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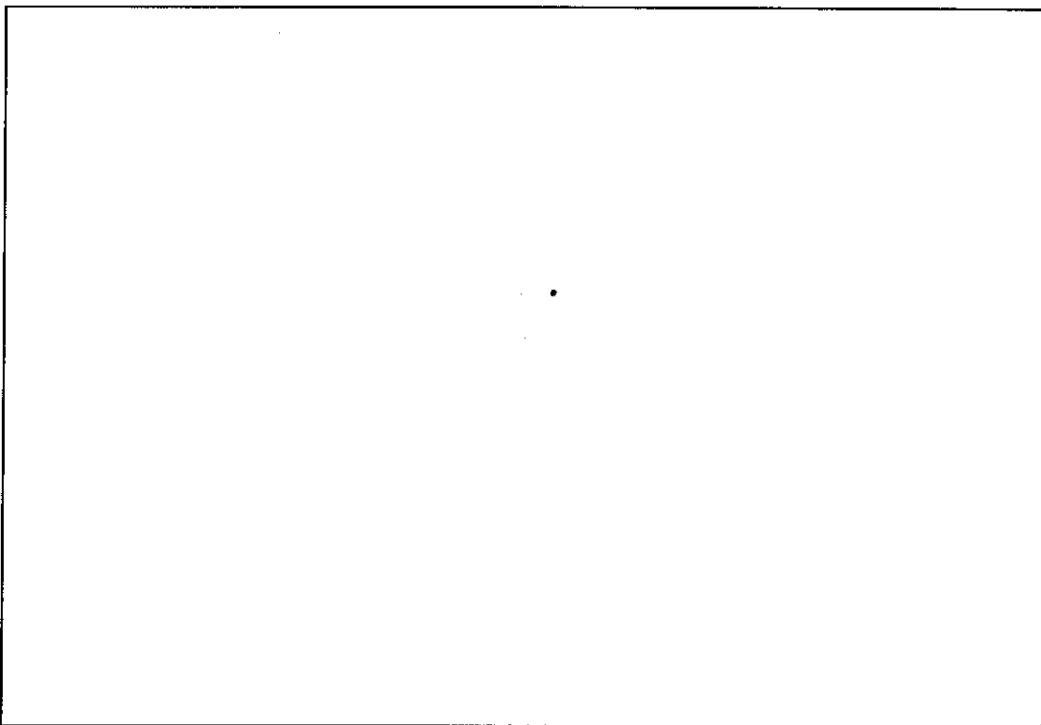
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DAKAR AND ITS ENVIRONS--AN AREA THAT NOW ACCOUNTS FOR 40  
PERCENT OF THE SENEGALESE POPULATION. THESE NEW GROUPS  
WANT THE CREATION OF A SOCIAL AND POLITICAL SYSTEM IN  
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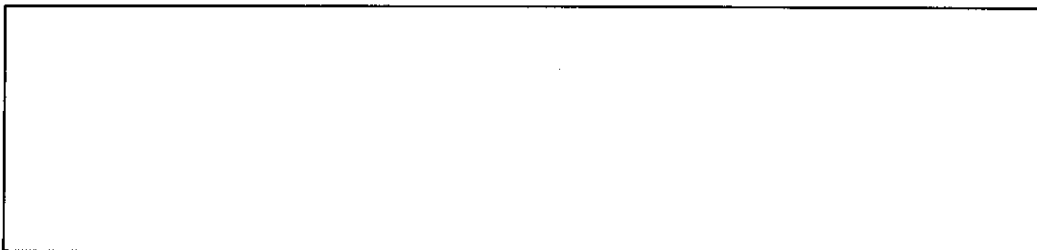
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47. THE FUTURE. MALI, MAURITANIA AND SENEGAL ARE ALL FEARFUL OF THE RISING INFLUENCE OF MUSLIM FUNDAMENTALISTS. ISLAMIC FUNDAMENTALISM IS NOT, HOWEVER, THE SAME IN DIFFERENT COUNTRIES. THE ISLAMIST FUNDAMENTALISTS ARE IN POWER IN IRAN AND SUDAN, REPRESS ANY DOMESTIC OPPOSITION AND ATTEMPT TO EXPORT THEIR REVOLUTION THROUGHOUT AFRICA. IN EGYPT OR ALGERIA,

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ISLAMIST PARTIES ARE BANNED AND THEIR MILITANTS ARE ENGAGED IN TERRORIST ATTACKS. IN JORDAN, HOWEVER, THEY ARE PART OF THE POLITICAL LIFE AND HAVE A MODERATE AGENDA.

48. MALI AND SENEGAL ARE BLACK AFRICAN MUSLIM COUNTRIES. THEIR POPULATIONS LARGELY PRACTICE AN "UNORTHODOX" ISLAM MIXED WITH TRADITIONAL AFRICAN RITES AND HAVE LITTLE ATTRACTION TO THE ARAB WAY OF ISLAM. MAURITANIA DIFFERS IN THAT IT HAS AN ARABIC WHITE

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MINORITY MAUR RULING OVER A MAJORITY OF BLACK MAURS AND SUB-SAHARAN AFRICAN BLACKS. WHILE MAURITANIA IS RELATIVELY MODERATE ISLAMIC STATE, IT IS NOW LOOKING WITH CONCERN AT THE GROWING INFLUENCE OF THE ALGERIAN FIS AND WANTS TO PREVENT THE SPREADING F INSTABILITY AND VIOLENCE IN MAURITANIA.

49. ALL THREE COUNTRIES WELCOME MONEY FROM RADICAL ARAB OR IRANIAN GROUPS, BUT DO NOT ACCEPT THEIR IDEAS. SUPPRESSION OF FUNDAMENTALISM BY THE GOVERNMENTS, HOWEVER, IS LIKELY TO EXACERBATE THE FUNDAMENTALIST THREAT, RATHER THAN ALLEVIATE IT. DRIVING THE SUPPORTERS UNDERGROUND COULD PERHAPS RESULT IN MORE VIOLENCE. MDAVIS

F. HOWARD UNIVERSITY CONFERENCE REPORT:

AN AFRICAN AGENDA FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION IN THE NEW GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT

50. AFRICAN AND U.S. EXPERTS EXAMINED GLOBAL ISSUES  
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SUCH AS AIDS, FAMINE, REFUGEES, AND CHANGING FAMILY STRUCTURES AT A CONFERENCE AT HOWARD UNIVERSITY APRIL 7-8. IN SUGGESTING SOLUTIONS, PANELISTS EMPHASIZED THE NEED FOR AFRICANS TO SET THEIR OWN AGENDA AND FOR DONORS TO INCORPORATE AFRICAN IDEAS AND PRACTICES INTO THEIR ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS. THE PRINCIPAL CONCLUSIONS OF THE CONFERENCE WERE:

--LOCALLY-DRIVEN, "BOTTOM UP" APROACHES PROVIDE THE MOST PROMISE FOR ADDRESSING AFRICA'S CRITICAL NEEDS. MORE RESOURCES AND TRAINING SHOULD BE PROVIDED TO LOCAL INSTITUTIONS AND TAILORED TO FIT LOCAL CONDITIONS.

--FURTHER COMMUNICATION LINKS AND PARTNERSHIPS BETWEEN AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS, DONORS, NGOS, AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS SHOULD BE FORGED IN ORDER TO BUILD UPON EXISTING KNOWLEDGE.

--DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS, PARTICULARLY FAMILY PLANNING AND AIDS SERVICES, SHOULD BE EXPANDED TO THE RURAL AREAS.

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ADDITIONAL RESEARCH ON AGRICULTURAL ISSUES AND FOOD PRODUCTION IS NEEDED.

--FAMILY PLANNING METHODS AND COMMUNITY-BASED MATERNITY SERVICES MUST BE ACCESSIBLE, AFFORDABLE, AND USABLE. THESE SERVICES SHOULD INCLUDE MEN GIVEN THEIR PROMINENT ROLE IN DETERMINING FAMILY SIZE. AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS SHOULD PROMOTE EDUCATION FOR GIRLS AS EDUCATION, INFANT MORTALITY, AND THE HEALTH OF CHILDREN AND MOTHERS ARE DIRECTLY CORRELATED.

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--AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS SHOULD PUBLICLY ADOPT A COMPREHENSIVE ADOLESCENT REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH POLICY AND SUPPORTIVE AIDS POLICY AS WELL AS DEVELOP SUSTAINABLE AIDS-PREVENTION PROGRAMS. MORE DRUGS TO COMBAT SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES AND INEXPENSIVELY-PRICED CONDOMS ARE NEEDED.

--INTERNATIONAL DONORS SHOULD FOCUS ON THE PREVENTION AND ELIMINATION OF THE ROOT CAUSES OF REFUGEE FLIGHT AND STRENGTHEN CONFLICT RESOLUTION SYSTEMS. A STRUCTURE WITHIN THE INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM SHOULD BE CREATED TO DEAL WITH INTERNALLY DISPLACED POPULATIONS.

--REFUGEES MUST BE VIEWED AS A HUMANITARIAN PROBLEM NOT A CRIMINAL PROBLEM. BROAD-BASED PLANNING MUST ENSURE THAT REFUGEES' BASIC NEEDS ARE MET. REFUGEES, ESPECIALLY WOMEN, AND THE HOST COMMUNITIES NEED TO BE INVOLVED IN ALL STAGES OF THE PLANNING AND ADMINISTRATION OF REFUGEE CAMPS.

51. AFRICAN AND U.S. EXPERTS EXAMINED GLOBAL ISSUES SUCH AS AIDS, FAMINE, REFUGEES, AND CHANGING FAMILY STRUCTURES AT A CONFERENCE AT HOWARD UNIVERSITY APRIL

7-8. PARTICIPANTS INCLUDED AFRICANS WORKING AT EMBASSIES, UN ORGANIZATIONS, NGOS, PVOS, AND UNIVERSITIES, AS WELL AS U.S. EXPERTS WORKING IN THESE FIELDS. LINCOLN UNIVERSITY, ANOTHER HISTORICALLY BLACK UNIVERSITY, WILL HOST A SECOND SEGMENT OF THE CONFERENCE LATER THIS SPRING TO EXAMINE AFRICAN ECONOMIC AND

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NATURAL RESOURCE ISSUES. IN ADDITION TO HOWARD AND  
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LINCOLN, USAID, UNDP, THE AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK, AND  
CHEVRON CORPORATION ARE CO-SPONSORING THESE CONFERENCES.

52. IN SUGGESTING SOLUTIONS, PANELISTS EMPHASIZED THE  
NEED FOR AFRICANS TO SET THEIR OWN AGENDA AND FOR DONORS  
TO INCORPORATE AFRICAN IDEAS AND PRACTICES INTO THEIR  
ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS. LOCALLY-DRIVEN, "BOTTOM UP"  
APPROACHES PROVIDE THE MOST PROMISE FOR ADDRESSING  
AFRICA'S CRITICAL NEEDS. MORE RESOURCES AND TRAINING  
SHOULD BE PROVIDED TO LOCAL INSTITUTIONS AND TAILORED TO  
FIT LOCAL CONDITIONS. COMMUNICATION LINKS AND  
PARTNERSHIPS BETWEEN AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS, DONORS, NGOS,  
AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS SHOULD BE STRENGTHENED.

53. PANELISTS EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF EXPANDING  
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS, PARTICULARLY FAMILY PLANNING AND  
AIDS SERVICES, TO THE RURAL AREAS. NATIONAL FAMILY  
PLANNING PROGRAMS IN AFRICA MUST INCLUDE MEN, GIVEN  
THEIR PROMINENT ROLE IN DETERMINING FAMILY SIZE.  
AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS SHOULD PUBLICLY ADOPT A  
COMPREHENSIVE ADOLESCENT REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH POLICY AND  
SUPPORTIVE AIDS POLICY AS WELL AS DEVELOP SUSTAINABLE  
AIDS-PREVENTION PROGRAMS. ADDITIONAL RESEARCH ON  
AGRICULTURAL ISSUES AND FOOD PRODUCTION IS NEEDED.

54. INTERNATIONAL DONORS SHOULD FOCUS ON THE PREVENTION  
AND ELIMINATION OF THE ROOT CAUSES OF REFUGEE FLIGHT AND  
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THE HOST COMMUNITIES NEED TO BE INVOLVED IN ALL STAGES  
OF THE PLANNING AND ADMINISTRATION OF REFUGEE CAMPS.

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55. CHANGING FAMILY STRUCTURES AND FAMILY PLANNING.  
AFRICAN SOCIETIES FOCUS ON THE FAMILY, WHICH IS  
CONSIDERED THE BASIC UNIT OF SOCIETY, WHEREAS WESTERNERS

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EMPHASIZE INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS. THOUGH KINSHIP IS AT THE HEART OF ALL SOCIAL RELATIONS, THE FAMILY STRUCTURE AND GENDER ROLES ARE CHANGING SLOWLY AS WOMEN INCREASINGLY HEAD MORE HOUSEHOLDS, BOYS BECOME SOLDIERS OR REBELS AT YOUNGER AGES, MEN GO INTO HIDING, AND MORE AFRICANS MIGRATE. ONE UNDP CONSULTANT STATED THAT ONE OUT OF

EVERY THREE HOUSEHOLDS WORLDWIDE HAS A WOMEN AS THE SOLE BREADWINNER OR HEAD OF THE HOUSEHOLD. AFRICAN WOMEN, WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR APPROXIMATELY 80 PERCENT OF AFRICA'S AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, ARE ALSO TAKING ON GREATER HEALTH CARE AND EDUCATIONAL ROLES.

56. WHILE AFRICAN WOMENS' TASKS INCREASE DEVELOPMENTAL GAINS ARE BEING REVERSED. FOUR TIMES AS MANY WOMEN IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES DIE DURING CHILDBIRTH COMPARED TO WOMEN IN DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. ONE OUT OF EVERY 21 AFRICAN WOMEN DIES DURING CHILDBIRTH. FIVE PERCENT OF AFRICANS USE BIRTH CONTROL. WHILE THE MAJORITY OF AFRICANS LIVE IN RURAL AREAS, 80 PERCENT OF FAMILY PLANNING CLINICS ARE IN URBAN AREAS.

57. RECOMMENDATIONS. FAMILY PLANNING METHODS AND COMMUNITY-BASED MATERNITY SERVICES MUST BE ACCESSIBLE, AFFORDABLE, AND USABLE. THEY MUST BE EXPANDED TO TE RURAL AREAS. BEYOND UTILIZING HEALTH CLINICS FOR FAMILY PLANNING SERVICES, TRAINED PROVIDERS SHOULD GO DOOR-TO-DOOR CONDUCTING OUTREACH ACTIVITIES.

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SOCIO-CULTURAL NORMS AND GENDER ANALYSIS STUDIES SHOULD BE INCORPORATED INTO FAMILY PLANNING. MEN WHO USUALLY WIELD THE POWER IN THE FAMILY, MUST BE INCLUDED IN FAMILY PLANNING COUNSELING. GOVERNMENTS MUST DEVELOP NATIONAL ADOLESCENT REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH POLICIES WHICH ENSURE STUDENTS EQUAL ACCESS TO FAMILY PLANNING/REPRODUCTIVE SERVICES AND TREAT THEM WITH DIGNITY.

58. EDUCATION AND THE HEALTH OF INFANTS, CHILDREN, AND MOTHERS ARE DIRECTLY CORRELATED. STUDIES SHOW THAT INCREASED YEARS OF SCHOOLING RESULT IN FEWER BIRTHS AND GREATER BIRTH SPACING WHICH TRANSLATES TO LESS DISEASE,

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HIGHER INDIVIDUAL PRODUCTIVITY, AND GREATER USE OF HUMAN POTENTIAL. GOVERNMENTS MUST NOT ONLY PROMOTE EDUCATION FOR GIRLS BUT ALSO PROHIBIT EDUCATIONAL DISCRIMINATION AGAINST PREGNANT FEMALE STUDENTS.

59. FAMINE AND DISEASE: WHAT CAN BE DONE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE? POVERTY, NATURAL DISASTERS, AND ARMED CONFLICTS HAVE LED TO AN INCREASE IN FAMINE AND HUNGER ON THE CONTINENT. FAMINE IS AGGRAVATED BY POOR AGRICULTURAL POLICIES, PARTICULARLY DEFORESTATION AND THE LACK OF STORED FOOD. ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY MILLION AFRICANS OUT OF TOTAL POPULATION OF 550 MILLION SUFFER FROM A LACK OF FOOD.

60. BY THE YEAR 2000, AFRICA WILL HAVE OVER 20 TO 30 PERCENT OF THE WORLD'S POOR. FOR EVERY WOMAN WHO LIVES IN POVERTY, THERE ARE FOUR HUNGRY CHILDREN. AFRICA NOT ONLY HAS THE HIGHEST DEPENDENCY RATIO IN THE WORLD, IT

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ALSO HAS THE HIGHEST CHILD MORTALITY RATES. TWO HUNDRED AND TWELVE OUT OF EVERY 1,000 AFRICAN CHILDREN DIE BEFORE THEIR FIFTH BIRTHDAY FROM PREVENTABLE DISEASES. LIFE EXPECTANCY IS AS LOW AS 41 YEARS IN SOME AFRICAN COUNTRIES.

61. SEVENTY-FIVE PERCENT OF AFRICANS LIVE IN RURAL AREA; 60 PERCENT OF THIS NUMBER ARE WOMEN. LESS THAN 30 PERCENT OF THE RURAL AFRICAN POPULATION HAS ACCESS TO PROPER WATER AND HEALTH FACILITIES. DESPITE THESE BLEAK STATISTICS, DEVELOPMENTAL RESOURCES ARE SHRINKING - UNDP, THE WORLD'S LARGEST MULTILATERAL DONOR AGENCY, HAS BEEN CUT BY OVER 25 PERCENT.

62. RECOMMENDATIONS. SUPPORT FOR FURTHER AGRICULTURAL AND FOOD PRODUCTION RESEARCH IS NEEDED. ELIMINATING HUNGER REQUIRES A COMBINATION OF REDUCING POVERTY, INCREASING FOOD PRODUCTION, AND UTILIZING ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY. AFRICANS NEED TO DEVELOP BETTER COMMUNICATION STRATEGIES AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS CONTINENT-WIDE IN ORDER TO SHARE AND BUILD UPON EXISTING KNOWLEDGE. MORE LINKAGES NEED TO BE DEVELOPED BETWEEN AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS, DONORS, NGOS, AND OTHER

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INSTITUTIONS WORLDWIDE. SYMPOSIUMS PROVIDE ONE VENUE.

63. AIDS: WHAT CAN BE DONE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE? THE CONFERENCE'S KEYNOTE SPEAKER DR. ADETOKUNBO LUCAS, RENOWNED NIGERIAN EXPERT WHO IS CURRENTLY PROFESSOR OF INTERNATIONAL HEALTH AT HARVARD, STATED THAT IN 1985, 50 PERCENT OF AIDS CASES WERE FOUND IN THE DEVELOPING WORLD, BUT BY THE YEAR 2010, 85 PERCENT WILL BE FOUND

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THERE. BY THE YEAR 2000, GLOBAL HIV CASES MAY RANGE FROM 30 TO 100 MILLION WITH ROUGHLY 75 PERCENT OF THOSE CASES IN AFRICA. GIVEN AFRICA'S BIRTH RATES, HOWEVER, THE CONTINENT'S POPULATION WILL CONTINUE TO GROW. CURRENTLY, THE AVERAGE AFRICAN FAMILY HAS 6.4 CHILDREN. EVEN IF THE FAMILY SIZE WAS DECREASED TO 2.2 TODAY, AFRICA'S POPULATION WOULD STILL GROW FOR THE NEXT 50 YEARS.

64. RECOMMENDATIONS. FACING THE AIDS EPIDEMIC, AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS MUST DEVELOP SUPPORTIVE PUBLIC POLICIES AND

COMPREHENSIVE, SUSTAINABLE AIDS-PREVENTION PROGRAM . MORE SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES (STD) DRUGS AND INEXPENSIVELY- PRICED CONDOMS SHOULD BE PROVIDED THROUGHOUT THE CONTINENT. WHILE HIV CASES ARE SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER IN MOST URBAN CENTERS, AIDS-PREVENTION CAMPAIGNS MUST INCLUDE THE RURAL AREAS.

65. AS AIDS ERODES THE TRADITIONAL FAMILY SUPPORT SYSTEM AND AS THE NUMBER OF AIDS-ORPHANS INCREASES, CHILDREN MUST BE PROTECTED AND ABLE TO PROVIDE FOR THEMSELVES. UTILIZING MUSIC AND PARABLES AIDS-EDUCATION CAMPAIGNS SHOULD TARGET YOUTH CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS TO CONVEY THEIR MESSAGES. UGANDA'S "WINDOW OF HOPE" PROGRAM IN SCHOOLS AMONG 5 TO 15 YEAR OLDS WAS CITED AS AN GOOD EXAMPLE OF AN AIDS-EDUCATION PROGRAM AIMED AT CURBING THE SPREAD OF THE DISEASE. SEVERAL AFRICAN PARTICIPANTS NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT THIS PROGRAM WAS A WESTERN APPROACH BASED ON THE CONCEPT THAT WESTERN SCHOOLS' PROVIDE MOST OF A YOUNG PERSON'S

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 EDUCATION. TO BE TRULY EFFECTIVE IN AFRICA,  
 AIDS-EDUCATION MUST OCCUR WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF THE  
 FAMILY WHERE VALUES ARE TAUGHT. ANTI-AIDS MESSAGES MUST  
 ALSO COME FROM OTHER SOURCES, SUCH AS TRADITIONAL  
 HEALERS.

66. REFUGEES AND MIGRATION. OF THE WORLD'S CURRENT  
 TOTAL 18 MILLION "OFFICIALLY ASSISTED" REFUGEES  
 WORLDWIDE, SEVEN MILLION ARE IN AFRICA WHICH REPRESENTS  
 A SEVEN FOLD INCREASE SINCE 1970. OVER 15 MILLION MORE  
 AFRICANS ARE INTERNALLY DISPLACED WITHIN THEIR NATIONAL  
 BORDERS. WOMEN AND CHILDREN COMPRISE 80 PERCENT OF  
 AFRICA'S REFUGEES. AFRICA IS RAISING A GENERATION OF  
 CHILDREN WHO HAVE ONLY KNOWN WAR, POVERTY AND  
 ABANDONMENT.

67. RECOMMENDATIONS. REFUGEES AND ASYLUM SEEKERS MUST  
 BE VIEWED AS A HUMANITARIAN PROBLEM NOT A CRIMINAL, LAW  
 AND ORDER PROBLEM. THERE NEEDS TO BE A SHIFT TOWARD  
 BROAD-BASED PLANNING TO MEET BASIC NEEDS RATHER THAN  
 SIMPLY FOCUSING ON ALLEVIATING THE FALLOUT FROM  
 HUMANITARIAN CRISES. EMERGENCY AND DEVELOPMENT AID  
 SHOULD BE REVIEWED TOGETHER FOR COMBINED EFFECTIVENESS  
 RATHER THAN AS SEPARATE ACTION PLANS.

68. REFUGEES, ESPECIALLY WOMEN. AND HOST COMMUNITIES  
 SHOULD BE INVOLVED IN THE PLANNING, PROJECT-BUILDING,  
 AND ADMINISTERING OF THE CAMPS. THREE KEY ISSUES TO

ADDRESS ARE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION AND PROSTITUTION WITHIN  
 THE CAMPS, ABUSE OF ASSISTANCE DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS AND

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 DANGEROUS LOCATIONS OF BASIC NECESSITIES SUCH AS WOOD,  
 WATER, LATRINES. WOMEN IN REFUGEE CAMPS NEED GREATER  
 PROTECTION. MORE FEMALE PROTECTION OFFICERS SHOULD BE  
 HIRED AND COUNSELING PROVIDED FOR TRAUMATIZED WOMEN AND  
 CHILDREN. REFUGEES NEED JOB TRAINING AND EVENTUAL  
 REINTEGRATION.

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69. A STRUCTURE WITHIN THE UN OR SOME MULTILATERAL ORGANIZATION SHOULD BE CREATED TO DEAL WITH INTERNALLY DISPLACED POPULATIONS. MORE CONFLICT RESOLUTION MECHANISMS ARE NEEDED IN ORDER TO PREVENT THE WARS AND FAMINES WHICH CAUSED THE MASS MIGRATION. WITH PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT ON ONE SIDE OF THE COIN AND CONFLICT AND POVERTY ON THE OTHER, ONE PARTICIPANT OTED THAT "...IT WILL BE CHEAPER TO BUILD SOCIETIES OF PEACE AND PROSPERITY THAN TO REBUILD THOSE TORN DOWN AND APART BY WARS." AO'NEILL CHRISTOPHER

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